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FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1903.

LARGELY LOCAL.

G. W. Lamberson had business in Farmington this week.

See those Gent's hats that W. H. Williams is opening up.

Dr. E. L. Muma of St. Louis, is here looking over the field with a view to locating.

W. H. Williams will sell you Blue Bell or Silver State flour made of Colorado wheat.

Ladies call and see the new spring dress-goods, ladies' and Misses dress shoes at W. H. Williams.

A pair of Registered Chester White hogs for sale at the ranch of A. R. Springer north of Aztec.

Mrs. Frank Sharp of Cedar Hill, was a passenger on this morning's stage on a return trip from Farmington.

John R. Pond and R. C. Prewitt were visitors from Farmington who had business with the county clerk Monday.

Full blood Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale, at 50 cents per setting of 10 eggs. Three miles north of Aztec. Matilda Williams.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. W. R. McKee of Hamilton county, Tenn., son of Judge McKee of La Plata, is here with a view to locating.

James R. Hartley made final proof on his homestead on the La Plata Monday. Albert Cordell and Chas. M. Waggoner accompanied him as witnesses.

A. R. Springer made a trip to Durango and Silverton the first of the week. He expects to bring down a shipment of fruit trees on his return from Durango.

Wallace and Ross Guyton have arrived from Waco, Texas, and have gone to the La Plata. They are highly pleased with San Juan county. Ross Guyton will take charge of the old Fletcher Bee ranch.

Rev. M. A. Dougherty of Waco, Texas, and J. Dee Conger of China Springs, Texas, have bought the San Ent ranch, on the La Plata and will arrive in a few days to take possession of their new home.

The enterprising firm of Pilon & Dougherty of Blauco, by a shrewd deal last week, cornered the entire wool clip of the upper San Juan, which they have sold to Hatcher Bros. of Pagosa Springs at 14 1/2 cents per pound, delivered at Durango. It will require 25 teams to deliver it by April 4th.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from the Territorial committee to assist in receiving President Roosevelt at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 4th. We have pinned all our lives, to see a real live President—and now, just to think! However, we are not one to bear our lot rebelliously, and we are managing to extract some comfort from the thought that Butler and Sellers can't afford to go either.

The people of Aztec and vicinity were most delightfully entertained on Friday evening last, by Miss Minnie Hand, of Durango, assisted by our local talent. The readings and vocal solos by Miss Hand were a rare treat to those fortunate enough to hear her, and she can feel assured of a welcome, should she ever decide to favor our town with another recital.

The following parties in and around Aztec have signed contracts with agent Chapin for central telephone exchange, making in all about 130 signers in the county: Fred Bunker, residence; C. H. Baker, hotel; Bay Meat and Storage Co., office; Baker & Lenfestey, saloon; McCoy & Rathjen, store; Frank Baker, residence; Dr. Condit, office; Dr. McKee, office; C. G. Brewer, store; A. M. Hubbard, meat market; Jarvis & Baker Bros., livery; V. E. Williams, residence; W. H. Williams, residence; John A. Koontz, residence; B. G. Hildebrand, restaurant; Williams & Lair, store; A. R. Springer, ranch; S. O. Pinkstaff, residence; Frank Revell, residence; J. R. Williams, ranch; Court House; S. E. Koontz, ranch; Leonard Boat ranch; P. Skidmore ranch; Joe Prewitt residence; Wm. Gillen, residence; F. N. Frakes residence; J. B. Austin residence; W. E. Lenfestey residence; Joseph Howe ranch; Ray Current residence; A. B. McClure residence; A. L. Bain residence; Frank Robbins ranch; L. P. Waring postoffice; and O. T. Walker saloon.

We have heard of many "get rich quick" propositions, but how to "get huge fat quick" is a new one on us. However, the formula was accidentally discovered Tuesday by one of our leading merchants. It seems he had about ten boxes of damaged sundried apples in storage and, in order to dispose of the stock, ordered them dumped into the company's hog pen, and of course the hogs ate heartily and, after partaking of plenty of water from an adjacent ditch, one could fairly see them grow. Ordinary pigs thirty inches in circumference soon measured 120 inches, and on account of the great growth of stomach, none have legs long enough now to permit of walking around, the only sign of life being an occasional grunt. If Joe Prewitt was here possibly he could tell what to do, but as it is, the pigs are getting fatter every minute.—Husler.

Sorry Mr. Prewitt is absent; but we are pretty well acquainted with him, and believe his advice would be "to sell before hogs go down."

Walter Von Buddenbrock and Jose Y. Jaques of the Pina river country were in town Monday. Mr. Jaques came to prove up on his homestead and Mr. Von Buddenbrock came over to act as a witness for him. They were also accompanied by J. Teofilo Jaques of Largo.

For seed Sweet potatoes, call on W. H. Williams.

Farmington.

Miss Minnie Hand, the talented young elocutionist from Silverton, Colo., gave an entertainment in Farmington Saturday, and by request repeated it Monday night.

Arthur McLearn went up to Silverton Tuesday on a business trip.

Rev. Edmonson of Denver, presiding elder of this conference arrived here Saturday and preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. He left Wednesday with Rev. Munsey by way of La Plata.

Mr. Olof Nyhja, a young man who came here from Minnesota about two months ago for his health, died at the Compton hotel Saturday and was buried Sunday.

F. R. Bowsman, who bought the Smith ranch has arrived from his old home in Texas and taken possession.

J. P. Maddox, father of Mrs. A. T. Paston arrived on Wednesday's stage on a visit to his daughter.

M. M. Engleman has workmen laying a foundation on his lots east of the Compton hotel where he is to build three store rooms about 20 by 60 feet. Engleman is always ready to supply all legitimate demands for business house.

A good deal of improving is being done on the ranches in this section this spring. New buildings are being erected and waste places are being cleared up and put into cultivation. A large amount of additional land is being put into cultivation, that is covered by the Independent ditch. The enlargement of this ditch will be of great benefit to Farmington and surrounding country.

This season is more backward than any year for a long time. Apricots are just coming into bloom which is a month later than usual.

The last issue of the Aztec Index was much better than usual. Evidently Joe and Bob were away.—Husler.

Thanks, Colonel! A bouquet—even a small one—helps along wonderfully, especially on a day like this.

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SAN JUAN COUNTY CATHOLIC MISSION.—(Catholic population 180.) Headquarters for ten Santa Rosa Church, Blanco P. O. Regular services, first and second Sunday of each month at 9 a. m., sermon; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prayers at 8:00 a. m. At 3 p. m., rosary, congregational singing. Bible history, prayers; monthly services held at Silverton, Martinez, Los Pinos. Several times during year, Aztec, La Plata, Farmington and Ojo are visited by the priest in charge. Rosa precinct, Rio Arriba Co., N. M. (Catholic population 250) is attended from Santa Rosa church. Any communication on church affairs or religious subjects should be addressed to "Catholic Priest, Blanco P. O., New Mexico."

AZTEC POST NO. 15, G. A. R.—Meets at call of Post Commander, Aztec, New Mexico. W. H. WILLIAMS, Post Commander. G. W. McCoy, Adjutant.

SAN JUAN LODGE, No. 25 A. F. & A. M.—Meets second and fourth Mondays of each month at the school house in Aztec. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. M. FRED BUNKER, Secretary.

AZTEC LODGE NO. 12, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday night at the school house in Aztec. Visiting brethren cordially invited. E. R. STEWART, N. G.; Dr. E. G. CONDIT, Secretary.

HOPE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 12, I. O. O. F.—Regular meetings every other Tuesday night at school house in Aztec. Mrs. MATTIE L. PREWITT, M. C.; Mrs. AGNES COLTON, Record Keeper.

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SAN JUAN CHAPTER, A. O. U. E.—Order of the Eastern Star meets first and third Tuesday of each month. Mrs. SALLIE SPRINGER, W. M.; W. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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